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June 5, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO TRANSITION CURRENT AGREEMENTS  
AT HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL TO A MULTI-SPECIALTY AMBULATORY CARE CENTER  
(5th District) (3 Votes)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to take the necessary actions to the various service agreements listed in Attachment B, that will require changes as a direct result of the conversion of High Desert Hospital to a Multi-Specialty Ambulatory Care Center, effective June 30, 2003, upon review and approval of County Counsel.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

Modifications to existing service agreements at High Desert Hospital (HDH) are necessary to make a successful transition of HDH to a Multi-Specialty Ambulatory Care Center (MACC), with the various providers, listed on Attachment B, effective June 30, 2003. This transition will require that changes be made such as: terminations according to the individual agreement; changing the name in agreements from HDH to any resultant Board approved name for the MACC; converting agreements to outpatient services and for various other reasons.

Existing County policy and procedures require the timely submission of contracts for Board approval. However, this request for approval of requesting delegated authority for the transition of contracts to a MACC was not scheduled for placement on the Board's agenda prior to its effective date, because of the amount of time required to determine the appropriate actions to be taken on the current agreements at HDH, and the complexity of each of the decisions made to arrive at these actions.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

At this time, it is not feasible to project any potential savings from the modification of existing agreements.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On January 29, 2002, in light of significant budget deficits, the Department of Health Services (DHS or Department) presented to the Board of Supervisors (Board) a strategic plan that outlined options for restructuring the County's health care system. On August 20, 2002, the Board voted to approve the Department of Health Services' recommendations regarding clinical service reductions, including the conversion of HDH to a MACC. The Department is requesting delegated authority to terminate services by letter; change the name of High Desert Hospital to any resultant Board approved name for the MACC; and to enact changes for other reasons e.g., converting agreements to outpatient services.

As part of the Department's redesign process, DHS is converting HDH into a MACC. Terminating and amending current agreements is related to this redesign process. In order to reduce expenditures at HDH as it converts to a MACC, the Department needs the flexibility to quickly take contract action to fully realize the operational savings in the transition process.

HDH has a wide-ranging ambulatory care program, including outpatient surgeries, advanced radiology and laboratory services, and urgent care. The conversion of HDH into a MACC will allow HDH to provide specialty services, surgical and non-surgical procedures, comprehensive diagnostic services, and urgent care. In doing so, DHS can meet a greater proportion of the outpatient care needs of Antelope Valley's uninsured population.

Attachment B lists the contracts affected by the conversion of HDH to a MACC. The contracts are grouped by category: 1) contracts that require delegated authority to terminate; 2) contracts that require a name change; 3) contracts that require amendments for other reasons; and 4) contracts that will not require any change or action.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Board letter as to form.

Attachments A and B provide additional information.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

The contracting process will require that DHS review the agreements that have been executed at HDH and establish an appropriate disposition for each of the agreements as detailed in Attachment B, reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the Department to implement the Health Services System Redesign Plan and realize the associated cost savings of the conversion of HDH into a MACC.

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When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas L. Garthwaite". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" being the most prominent.

Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.  
Director and Chief Medical Officer

TLG:cba

Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller

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SUMMARY

1. Type of Service:

Transition of agreements during the conversion of High Desert Hospital to a Multi-Specialty Ambulatory Care Center.

2. Department Address and Contact Person:

High Desert Hospital  
44900 North 60<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Lancaster, California 93536  
Contact Person: Beryl Brooks  
Telephone: (805) 945-8461

3. Term:

The effective date of the recommended Board actions is July 1, 2003.

4. Financial Information:

It is not feasible to project any potential savings from the modification of existing agreements.

5. Approvals:

Clinical and Medical Affairs: Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., Director and Chief Medical Officer

Contracts and Grants Division: Riley J. Austin, Acting Chief

County Counsel (as to form): Christina Salseda, Deputy County Counsel

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**ATTACHMENT B****I. DHS CONTRACTS REQUIRING BOARD DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE SERVICES AT HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>CONTRACT NUMBER</b>	<b>EXPIRATION DATE</b>
<u><b>CONTRACTS</b></u>			
Dialysis	AV Acute Hemo (Dialysis)	H-212954	12/31/05
Dentist	Horn, Lee D.D.S	H-210780	03/31/04
<u><b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b></u>			
TB Control	Humbolt County Health Jurisdiction	H-211088	06/30/04
TB Regional Detention	Mono County Health Jurisdiction	H-210936	06/30/04
TB Regional Detention	San Francisco County Health Jurisdiction	H-210874	06/30/04
TB Regional Detention	San Joaquin County Health Jurisdiction	H-210982	06/30/04
TB Regional Detention	Santa Barbara County Health Jurisdiction	H-213199	06/30/04
TB Regional Detention	Trinity County Health Jurisdiction	H-210961	06/30/04
TB Regional Detention	Ventura County Health Jurisdiction	H-210960	06/30/04
TB Regional Detention	County of Santa Cruz	H-210986	06/30/04
TB Regional Detention	County of Shasta	H-210938	06/30/04
TB Regional Detention	County of Fresno	H-212110	06/30/04
TB Regional Detention	County of Riverside	H-210928	06/30/04
<u><b>PRISONS</b></u>			
Revenue	INS-SHERIFF	ACL-7-A0048	Fee for Service

**II. DHS CONTRACTS REQUIRING BOARD DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO AMEND  
CONTRACTS FOR NAME CHANGE**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>CONTRACT NUMBER</b>	<b>EXPIRATION DATE</b>
<u>CONTRACTS</u>			
Radiology	Advanced Imaging	H-210775	03/31/04
Radiology	Antelope Valley MRI	H-210779	03/31/04
Billing/Collection	Boehm & Associates	H-209855	06/30/05
Lab	Consolidated Routing	71250	06/30/06
Pharmacy Waste	EXP	H-212058	06/30/06
Lab	Focus Technologies	H-212917	06/30/06
Orthotic	Hanger	H-206694	06/30/03
Diagnostic	Lancaster Cardiology	H-210777	03/31/04
Communications	Reddinet Emergency Communications	H-209561	None
Radiology	Mediscan	H-207303	06/30/03
Film Processor	Merry X-Ray	H-208588	03/31/04
Lab Ref	Specialty Labs	H-212920	06/30/06
Diagnostic Tests	Valley Tumor	H-210778	06/30/04
Physician	Valley Tumor, MDs	H-212848	05/30/04
<u>PHYSICIANS</u>			
Psychologist - MACC	Arnold, Glen	H-212792	06/30/04
Radiology - MACC	Balachanran, S.	H-212798	06/30/04
Physician - HOPE	Baqi, S.	H-213362	06/30/04
OB/GYN	Fraid, S.	H-207837	06/30/04
Anesthesia - ASC	Jain, Indu	H-212850	06/30/04
Podiatrist - MACC	Katz, A.	H-217606	06/30/04
Radiologist - MACC	Kabakian, Hrayr	H-212851	06/30/04

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Pulmonologist	Krishna, D.	H-300023	06/30/04
Nurse Practitioner - MACC	Lask, Elizabeth	H-217834	06/30/04
Physician - Urgent Care	Law, Charles	H-217870	06/30/04
Physican - Urgent Care	Lohman, Bruce	H-213363	06/30/04
Psychiatrist - HOPE	Makhani	H-212934	06/30/04
Cardiologist - MACC	Mehta, Arun	H-212856	06/30/04
Nurse Practitioner - MACC	Meyer, B.	H-207810	06/30/04
Physican - Urgent Care	Mohsin, Qazi	H-213092	06/30/04
Physician - MACC	Molina, Manuel	H-212900	06/30/04
Physican - Urgent Care	Partida, Jesus	H-213364	06/30/04
Physician - MACC	Ravikumar, Kalpana	H-212864	06/30/04
Nurse Practitioner - MACC	Rice, Debbie	H-212784	06/30/04
Physican - Urgent Care	Ross, Marvin	H-213343	06/30/04
Neuro - MACC	Rudrappa, Kusum	H-212793	06/30/04
Neuro - MACC	Shanmugan, Vijay	H-212973	06/30/04
Physican - Urgent Care	Shults, D.	H-213340	06/30/04
Nurse Practitioner - MACC	Breen, Nancy	H-207824	06/30/04
Podiatrist - MACC	Day, David	H-207889	06/30/04
Physican - Urgent Care	Defreece, D.	H-212933	06/30/04
Physican - Urgent Care	Detrana, Francesca	H-213444	06/30/04
Ortho - ASC / MACC	Elton, Richard	H-212860	06/30/04
Cardiologist - MACC	Ernest, Anthony	H-212791	06/30/04
Physican - Urgent Care	Gajo, Alden	H-212896	06/30/04
Physician - MACC	Gajo, Esperanza	H-212897	06/30/04
Nurse Practitioner - MACC	Gamsby, Elizabeth	H-207806	06/30/04

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Urologist - ASC / MACC	Hadaya, Tawfik	H-207890	06/30/04
Gynecologist - ASC / MACC	Hakakha, Mozafar	H-212898	06/30/04
Ortho - ASC / MACC	Ha'eri, Ghol	H-212899	06/30/04
Urologist - ASC / MACC	Houston, Rendal	H-217857	06/30/04
Surgeon - ASC / MACC	Isaacs, L.	H-217831	06/30/04
Pedes - MACC	Jacobson, Richard	H-212799	06/30/04
Optometry - MACC	Silverman, Clifford	H-212866	06/30/04
Physican - Urgent Care	Sinavsky, A.	H-207960	04/30/04
Physician - Urgent Care	Souehnnissani, M.	H-213361	06/30/04
Perinatologist - MACC	Thangavel, Murugesu	H-212865	06/30/04
Physician - Urgent Care	Vallejo-Sinasky, Violeta	H-213420	06/30/04
ENT - ASC / MACC	Whong, Phillip	H-207887	06/30/04
Gastro - ASC / MACC	Wong, Edward	H-207928	06/30/05
Ophthalmology - MACC	Wright-Scott, Sheila	H-212857	06/30/04
<u>PHARMACIST</u>			
Pharmacist	Assil	H-207835	06/30/04
Pharmacist	Farag	H-217837	06/30/04
Pharmacist	Freis	H-217801	06/30/04
Pharmacist	Iyer	H-207861	06/30/04
Pharmacist	Kim	H-207836	06/30/04
Pharmacist	Masters	H-207860	06/30/04
Pharmacist	Rascoe	H-207855	06/30/04
Pharmacist	Ratcliff	H-297888	06/30/04



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Pharmacist	Sprague	H-217794	06/30/04
<u>PROP-A</u>			
Physician OPC	Pasqual, M.D.	73451	06/30/04
Physician Peds	DeAlday, Marietta, M.D.	73456	06/30/04
Custodial	Pedus Building Services	71207	08/31/03

**III. DHS CONTRACTS REQUIRING BOARD DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO AMEND  
CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS REASONS**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>CONTRACT NUMBER</b>	<b>EXPIRATION DATE</b>	<b>CONTRACT CHANGE</b>
<u><b>CONTRACTS</b></u>				
Radiology/SAV MC	AV Hospital MC	74115	06/30/05	Amend for hospital references only; Contract with SAVHC; 120-Day Termination Notice
Billing	California Reimbursement Enterprise	H-207263	06/30/03	Hospital references; Amend for Name Change and extend the term on a month-to- month basis not to exceed six months.
Lithotripsy	USC University Hospital	H-207954	06/30/06	Hospital references; Amend for Name Change
Security	North American Security	74183	10/15/05	Hospital references within Contract ONLY; No Name Changes
Transcription	Medquist	70282	06/30/03	Hospital References
Dietary	Morrison Health Care Inc.	73378	06/30/06	Name Change; Thresholds Acute Care
<u><b>PRISONS</b></u>				
Revenue	CSP-LAC	LAC 01421	06/30/04	Amend to Out-Patient ONLY
Revenue	CCA Tehachapi	CC199068	06/30/03	Amend to Out-Patient and extend the term on a month- to-month basis not to exceed six months, or Terminate
Revenue	Cal-City Prison	No Contract	Fee for Service	Accept Out-Patient ONLY

**V. DHS CONTRACTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>CONTRACT NUMBER</b>	<b>EXPIRATION DATE</b>	<b>CHANGES</b>
Nurse Registry	Career Staff	H-207300	12/31/05	No Change
PT/OT	Complete Therapy Svs	H-211938	06/30/03	No Change
PT/OT	Cross Country Staffing	H-212219	06/30/03	No Change
Landscape	Desert Haven	H-209824	08/31/03	No Change
Radiology	Echo Tech Imaging, Inc.	H-208913	06/30/03	No Change
Billing	Health Advocates	H-208476	06/30/04	No Change
Respiratory Therapy Equi	Medic/PRN	H-207975		No Change
Nurse Registry	Nurse Connection	H-211860	12/31/05	No Change
Lab	PathNetEsoteric	H-212918	06/30/06	No Change
X-Ray PM	Phillips	H-209796	06/30/05	No Change
Nurse Registry	Professional Staffing	H-206476	12/31/05	No Change
Nurse Registry	Professional Staffing	H-206596	12/31/05	No Change
Lab	Quest /SmithklineBeecham	H-212919	06/30/06	No Change
X-Ray Techs	Reliable Health Care	H-207301	12/31/05	No Change
Pharmacists	RX Relief	H-212003	06/30/03	No Change
Nurse Registry	Sharp Nurse	H-207297	12/31/05	No Change
Radiology PM	Siracusa	H-211920	06/30/03	No change
Waste Disposal	Stericycle Medical Waste	H-209919	06/30/07	No Change
Home Health	Tri-Med Home Health Care	H-213016	09/30/06	No Change
<u>ISD / PROP A</u>				
Info Systems	Newbridge	No Number		No Change
Info Systems	Wiztec	72566		No Change